



## Colonel Robert L. Smith

### CHIEF OPERATIONS GROUP DELTA



Colonel Robert Smith is a native of Ohio, and received his commission in the Army as an Infantry Officer through the ROTC program at Akron University in Akron, OH in 1995.

Upon completion of the Infantry Officer's Basic Course, Colonel Smith was assigned to the 5th Battalion, 20th Infantry Regiment, 25th Infantry Division (Light) at Fort Lewis, Washington. While assigned to the battalion he served as a rifle platoon leader, company executive officer, and battalion assistant S3.

Following the Captain's Career Course, Colonel Smith was assigned to the 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized). His assignments included G3 Air (Operations), S3 Air for 2nd Battalion, 7th Infantry, and Commander, Alpha Company, 2nd Battalion, 7th Infantry. During his time as a company commander, he deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom I. Upon redeployment from Iraq, Colonel Smith became the HHC Commander for 1st Brigade.

After his assignment with the 3rd Infantry Division, Colonel Smith attended ILE. Upon completion of ILE Colonel Smith was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 506th Infantry Regiment, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) where he served as the Battalion Operations Officer and Battalion Executive Officer. As the Battalion Operations and Executive Officer, he deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom VIII/IX.

He then reported to Ft. Benning, GA where he served as the Brigade Operations Officer for the 199th Infantry Brigade. After his assignment with the 199th Infantry Brigade, Colonel Smith attended the School for Advanced Military Studies (SAMS). Upon completion of SAMS, he commanded the 4th Squadron, 9th Cavalry Regiment, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division. As the commander, he deployed the squadron in support of Operation enduring Freedom XIII/XIV. Following Squadron Command, Colonel Smith taught at the School for Command Prep at Ft. Leavenworth, KS. He later attended the Advanced Strategic Leaders Program.

Colonel Smith is currently the Chief of Operations for Operations Group D, Mission Command Training Program.

His awards and decorations include the Silver Star, the Bronze Star Medal (3 OLC), the Meritorious Service Medal (4 OLC), the Combat Infantryman Badge, the Air Assault Badge, the Parachute Badge, and Ranger Tab.

He is married with three children.